Statements of Support for the End Child Sex Trafficking Now Act

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"At the center of the illegal immigration debate should be the horrific physical and sexual abuse of children, often at the hands of unrelated adults. Mandatory DNA testing and significant penalties for adults refusing to comply would help stop the incredible heartbreak of the criminal "recycling" of children. Very often these abused minors end up living a life of sex trafficking, drug abuse and worse, and the National Police Association strongly encourages the support and passage of the 'End Child Sex Trafficking Now Act." – **Sgt. Betsy Brantner Smith, Spokesman, National Police Association**

"We know based on numerous DNA tests done under the Trump Administration that many of these families are not families and these children are being rented and trafficked with the help of criminal cartels. Not only is this Administration not conducting DNA tests at the level they should, their mediocre vetting has resulting in nearly 100, 000 missing children. Where is the humanity they claim they brought to the crisis? The devastating results thus far are far worse than anything I have seen in my 35 years enforcing border security." – **Tom Homan, former Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

"We in law enforcement all along the border and now throughout the United States have witnessed the dilution and lack of border security that has enabled the cartels in Mexico to flourish not only in the smuggling of illicit narcotics but also in the trafficking and acts of indentured servitude of migrants smuggled into the United States to pay off their debts. Juveniles are not left out of this equation with the recycling of children to portray family units and it is imperative that this administration continue to do DNA testing on all migrants taken into custody to positively identify children in the company of migrants as well as to positively identify criminals trying to conceal their true identity to enter this country and further victimize those that we serve." – Sheriff Leon Wilmot, Yuma County, Arizona